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Docket No.: 044084-0326

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Eiichi YOSHIDA, et al.

Application No.: 09/161,277

Filed: September 28, 1998

: Customer Number: 20277  
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: Confirmation Number: 7422  
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: Group Art Unit: 2624  
: Allowed: August 09, 2005  
: Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran  
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND TERMINAL DEVICE CONNECTED TO  
NETWORK

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART**

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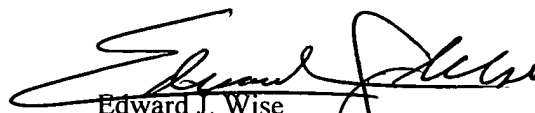
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Applicants hereby respectfully request that:

- (1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicants; and
- (2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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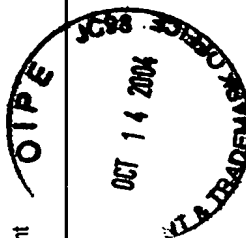
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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The undersigned hereby requests consideration and entry of this Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying references under 37 CFR 1.97(d).

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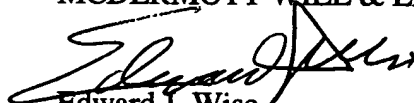
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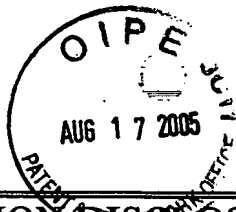
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